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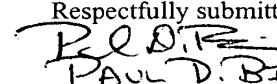
Title of Invention: **END MEMBER FOR A BONE FUSION IMPLANT**

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- The certified copy of the priority application has been filed in application no. filed
- Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence: This is a continuation-in-part of application no. filed .

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form
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2. Specification
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D
 - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings *(if filed)*
 - Detailed Description of the Invention (including drawings, *if filed*)
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
3. Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 6]
4. Declaration & Power of Attorney [Total Sheets 2]
 - Newly executed (original or copy)
 - Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33 (b).
5. Incorporation By Reference *(useable if Box 4b is checked)*
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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